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GREAT BATTLE EXPECTED TO-DAY

Japanese Land Troops at
New Chwang and Pit-
sewo; Ready to Strike.

SITUATION AT PORT ARTHUR CRITICAL

United States Consul at Che Foo
Sends a Significant Message.
Russians Get Message From
Stoessel and Say the
Fortress Can Hold
Out.

(By Associated Press.)

MUKDEN, November 17.—It is reported that 20,000 Japanese troops have been landed at New Chwang and 30,000 others at Pitsewo, and that a turning movement on the Russian right is expected.

Everything has continued quiet up to the present moment, but it is confidently believed that fighting will be renewed on Friday.

The report of General Kuroki's death portends, but Chinese deny it.

If there is to be any activity at the front in the near future, it is apparent that the initiative must be taken by the Japanese.

Fortifying Defense.

(By Associated Press.)

CHANSIN, NOUTUN, MANCHURIA, GENERAL KUROPATKIN'S HEADQUARTERS, November 17.—The Japanese are concentrating their second line of defense along the Taitse River. The major portion of the skirmishing of the last few days has been around the village of Yansin. Some Japanese and Russian soldiers, who had gone unarmed to the spring of water, had a hand-to-hand fight. There were plenty of broken heads, but not one on either side was killed.

Japanese Repulsed.

(By Associated Press.)

ST. PETERSBURG, November 17.—General Kuropatkin, in a dispatch dated November 16th, says:

"Yesterday evening the Japanese assumed the offensive against our positions near Sinchun, but the attacks were repulsed. At about 11 o'clock at night the enemy commenced a fusillade, which lasted an hour and a half. Our losses were fourteen men and three horses. The sharpshooters attempted to make prisoners of them, but the Japanese resisted, and were all killed or wounded. Three Japanese came to the rescue of their comrades, but the fire of the sharpshooters kept them at bay, and the sharpshooters rejoined their regiment without loss."

SITUATION CRITICAL.

United States Consul Thinks End
of Port Arthur Near—Daily
Fighting Reported.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., November 17.—General Fowler to-day called the State Department from Che Foo that the situation at Port Arthur is extremely critical, the outer forts having fallen into the possession of the Japanese. He also states that three Japanese torpedo boat destroyers are lying outside of Che Foo harbor, and that the Russian crew of the torpedo boat destroyers destroyed yesterday are transferring their arms and supplies to a Chinese cruiser which is posted in front of the Russian consulate.

Is Significant.

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, Nov. 18.—The fact that the Russian torpedo boat destroyer Rastvor, which arrived at Che Foo Wednesday, left Port Arthur much later than the date of General Stoessel's published report, which relates nothing later than November 13, is regarded as significant. Apparently, however, Russian has not yet received into news as is contained in the report of American Consul-General Fowler, at Che Foo, which was transmitted to the State Department at Washington Wednesday.

Special dispatches from Tien Tsin report a heavy bombardment of Port Arthur and nightly sorties by small parties of Russians who lose heavily by bayonet fights. These reports give no reliable details, but concur in statements that guns are wearing out and that the Russian ammunition is becoming scarce. The Daily Telegraph's Tien Tsin correspondent says he has received a report that the Japanese have suddenly advanced in the direction of Mukden from which place they are now only twelve miles distant.

Fighting Every Night.

CHEE FOO, November 17.—3:30 P. M.—Fighting at Port Arthur has taken place nightly since the Japanese began their general assault on October 26th, according to Captain Honberg, a pilot, who was a passenger on the Russian torpedo boat destroyer Rastvor.

The Japanese trenches, the captain says, are closest to the forts on Rihlung and Keewang Mountains and to other forts on the northernmost group. The sharpshooters of both sides are frequently conversing with each other and frequently make individual truces in order to borrow cigarettes or to relieve their cramped limbs.

BOY GONE; FOUL PLAY IS FEARED

Stephen Putney, Jr., Dis-
appears at World's
Fair.

CARRIED JEWELS WORTH NEARLY \$800

Relatives Institute Search, Which
Is Still in Progress, But No
Trace of the Missing
Youth Has as Yet
Been Discov-
ered.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

ST. LOUIS, MO., Nov. 17.—The mysterious disappearance of Stephen Putney, Jr., sixteen years old, the son of a prominent family of Richmond, Va., from the roominghouse at No. 6028 Houston Place, has led his relatives and the police to believe that he has met with foul play. To add to this belief the boy, when last seen, had in his possession jewelry belonging to his sister-in-law, valued at nearly \$800 and aside from money of his own with which he was visiting the World's Fair.

Forty-eight hours of anxious search by relatives aided by the police, have only served to deepen the mystery and to-night his sister-in-law burst into tears as she talked of the affair with Assistant Chief of Detectives McCarthy.

"It is all so strange," she said, "that I cannot help but fear that he has fallen into the hands of thieves and hurt."

Gave Jewelry to Boy.

Wednesday evening, shortly before the supper hour, the sister and other relatives expressed their intention of visiting the World's Fair. To secure her jewelry against thieves of whose workings reports are given out every day in the newspapers, the sister gave the boy several rings, a gold watch and chain, locket and other jewelry to keep for her until she returned. The jewelry was in a small, ornate box, together with about \$30 in money. When relatives returned to the house later in the evening the boy had disappeared. He had left no word as to his intentions and none in the neighborhood recalled having seen him.

Appealed to Police.

This morning at 10 o'clock relatives appealed to the police. Brother and sister spent the remainder of the day on the Pike at the World's Fair grounds visiting the various attractions with the hope of finding some trace of the youth. He had often expressed his fascination of the Pike, and it was thought probably that he might have gone sight-seeing on his own account. Search proved fruitless, however, and when darkness fell the quest was abandoned for the time being, and the sister visited detective headquarters. No news had been received by the police, however, nor had any trace been found.

Pearl Foul Play.

The fact that the youth is large for his age, being six feet tall and weighing about 165 pounds, has added to the fears that he has met with foul play.

JUDGE PARKER APPOINTED ON TWO COMMISSIONS

NEW YORK, Nov. 17.—Former Judge Alton B. Parker was to-day appointed a member of two commissions to acquire dock and wharfage rates for the city on the East River. The appointment was made by Justice O'Gorman in the Supreme Court.

U. S. WARSHIP KEEPS PANAMA VERY QUIET

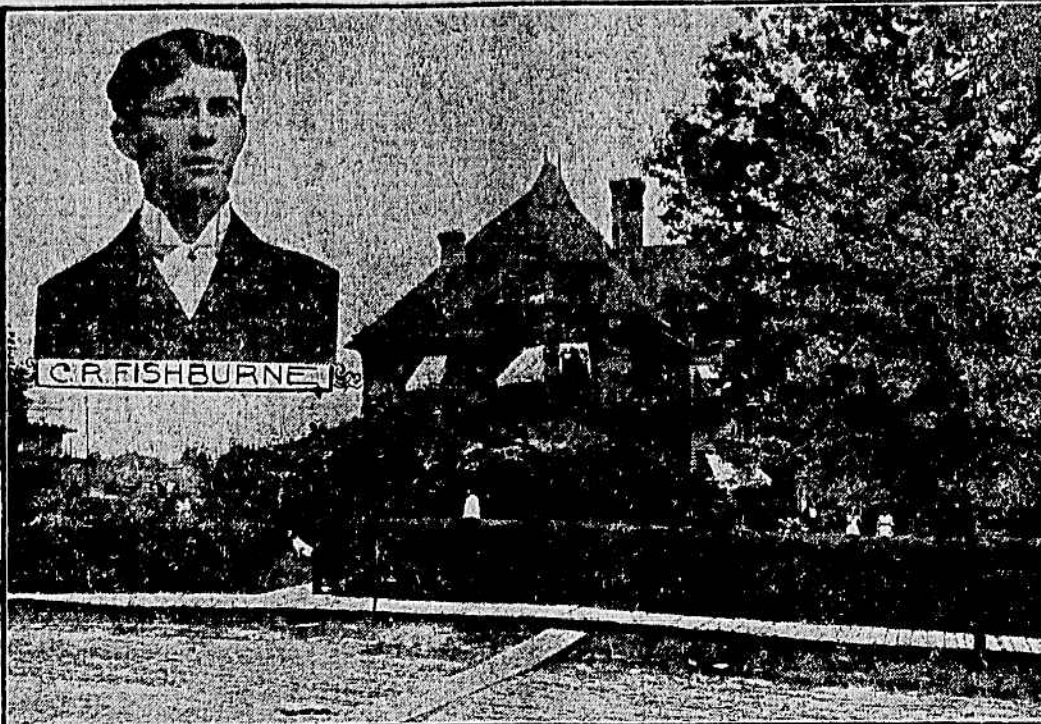
Rumored Coup D'Etat Was More
Serious Than at First
Thought.

(By Associated Press.)

PANAMA, November 17.—The treaty between the United States and Panama has prevented any move toward the military elements. It seems, was more serious than it was at first thought to be. Minister Barrett, after a consultation with the Panamanian government and General Davis, commander of the canal zone, decided to ask Admiral Gannett to leave one of the warships of the United States Pacific squadron here to prevent any possible disturbances. This morning two hundred marines from Empress Camp arrived here. General Huertas, the minister of war, has announced his intention to resign, which will clear the political atmosphere. Though disturbances are not feared, in the present circumstances Panama is greatly excited.

THIRTEEN-YEAR-OLD CHILD ACQUITTED OF MURDER

MACON, GA., November 17.—A special to the Telegraph from Waycross, Ga., says: Cary Nowell, thirteen years old, was to-day acquitted of the murder of Johnnie Barber, son of Abadiah Barber. The jury returned a verdict within thirty minutes.



Charles R. Fishburne and the Lefew Residence, in Roanoke, at the Front Gate of Which Here Shown the Fatal Assault on Dr. Lefew Was Made.

PLANT WORKING; EMPLOYEES DEAD

Four Men Overcome by Gas
While Attempting to Res-
cue Each Other.

LAY PILED IN A HEAP

Accidental Visitor Found De-
serted Engines Running With
Little Water in Boilers.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Nov. 17.—Four men were asphyxiated by gas at Dover, N. J., today at the plant of the Dover Rockaway and Port Oram Gas Company. They constituted the entire working force of the place and were discovered by George E. Bunnell, a former employee, who on visiting the plant found it apparently deserted with engines running under a full head of steam with scarcely any water in the boilers. After shutting down the engines and attending to the boilers, Bunnell went through the works and found the four men beneath an open trap-door in the meter room, with the space under the floor filled with gas from a broken valve in the drip pipe.

The men were William Bulmer, seven years old, employed as a fireman; Elias Chamberlain, the engineer; Otto Fidechuma, painter, and a man known only as Gustave, also a painter.

The men lay together in a heap and Bunnell noting that the man on top was alive, entered the trap to rescue him, but became so weakened by the gas that he could not lift the body to the floor, four feet above and was barely able to get out himself.

From their positions, it is thought that Bulmer went through the trap first to fix the broken valve and was overcome by the gas and that in an effort to rescue, Chamberlain, Fidechuma and Gustave followed and lost their lives.

Daring Performances.

The event of the afternoon was the contest for the 500 challenge cup, given by the American Coaching Club. This was for the best road team, four-in-hand, shown to a coach, and driven by the owner. Alfred G. Vanderbilt entered his blue ribbon winner Venture, and was again given the first prize.

Pearl, a brown mare, owned by Edwin H. Weatherbee, won the blue ribbon in the class of jumpers at six feet. Fourteen horses entered the contest and gave excellent exhibitions of jumping at distances from five to six feet. On several occasions the riders were almost thrown from their saddles, and the spectators were repeatedly thrilled by the daring performance.

During the recess Black Friar, an ebony colored stallion, owned by Thomas Hiltchcock, Jr., demolished two small fences erected in the enclosure for practice jumping, and nearly threw his rider over his head. The horse was cut severely on the fore legs and was taken out of the ring.

What is said to be the biggest price ever given for a pony was the \$5,000 paid at the Horse Show during the afternoon for Berkley Banham, the champion bay pony, owned by William Carr of London, England, and South Manchester, Cheshire, which was sold to Judge William H. Moore, of Chicago.

TRAIN HITS TROLLEY; FOUR PEOPLE KILLED

Baby Thrown From Mother's
Arms Has Both Legs
Cut Off.

(By Associated Press.)

TORONTO, CANADA, November 17.—A street car, with trailer attached, got beyond control of the motorman and crashed through the yard gates at Queen Street crossing of the Grand Trunk Railway to-night. A Montreal freight train struck the forward car grinding it to splinters. Every passenger on the street car was injured, two dying soon after being taken from the wreckage and two at the hospital.

The dead are: James Armstrong, conductor; 1-year-old child of J. Robertson. Mrs. Minnie Mahaffy, internally injured, died at hospital; Russell T. Stephens, internally injured, died at hospital. The baby was thrown from its mother's arms and both its legs were cut off.

The forward car was struck fairly in the center and completely demolished. The vestibule from which the motorman had jumped was carried up the track one hundred yards. The trailer was overturned and all the windows were smashed, but the body of the car remained intact.

TRAMPLED UNDER HORSES' HOOFES

Father-in-Law of Mayor Mc-
Clellan Nearly Killed at
Madison Square Garden.

WOMEN SCREAM AND FAINT

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, November 17.—Spectators were thrown into intense excitement to-night at the Horse Show in Madison Square Garden, when John G. Heckcher, secretary of the National Horse Show Association of America, was run down and trampled upon by a pair of horses on exhibition in the ring. Women screamed and men crowded toward the ring. Before the excitement passed several women fainted. Many believed that Mr. Heckcher had been killed, as half conscious he was dragged from under the hoofs of the horses.

In the ring at the time were the horses Buster Brown and Katenjammer Kid, driven by Mrs. Edward R. Ladew, of Glen Cove, L. I.

Mrs. Ladew had pulled them up from a rather rapid gait, and Mr. Heckcher attempted to pass in front of them, when one of the horses lunged forward and struck him. In an instant Mr. Heckcher was down and the animal was trampling him. His head and shoulders were struck several times by the horses' hoofs. When help reached him he was almost unconscious, his face was cut in several places, and he was bleeding profusely.

Mr. Heckcher was at once removed to his home, where the fear was expressed that he may have concussion of the brain or a possible fracture of the skull. Mr. Heckcher is the father-in-law of Mayor George B. McClellan, and is a member of many prominent organizations.

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CHICAGO RIOTERS ATTACKED WAGONS

Struggling Mob Block Traffic
in Heart of Business
District.

(By Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, November 17.—A mob of sympathizers with striking furniture movers attacked several wagons of the Johnson Chair Company, in the heart of the business district to-day, and for a time traffic was blocked by a mass of struggling rioters. The drivers of the wagons were menaced by the mob. The few policemen on hand were helpless to make any headway against the crowd, which only gave way when reinforcements of police arrived.

Similar trouble occurred when two wagons loaded with chairs, drove up to the Sherman Street entrance to the Board of Trade building.

A crowd of over one thousand persons followed the wagons, which were under police guard, and many threats were made toward the non-union drivers.

Hopes which held dozens of chairs on the wagons were cut. Foes of the non-union drivers hurled the chairs at the wagon men.

Two patrolmen received injuries from chairs. A running fight ensued, the crowd pursuing the wagons all the way back to the factory.

HEARING HAS BEEN POSTPONED

Fishburne Very Pale and Shows
Effects of Confinement.

CASE GOES OVER ONE WEEK

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

ROANOKE, VA., November 17.—Interest is unabated here in the case of Charles R. Fishburne, the slayer of Dr. Frederick C. Lefew. The charge against Fishburne for the murder of the young physician was set for preliminary hearing in the Police Court this morning, but upon agreement of counsel, it was postponed to the 24th. Police Justice Bryan sent for Mr. Fishburne, but he first declined to go into court without his counsel. He was notified that he would not be required to say anything, and later appeared with Deputy Sergeant Moss. The police justice then notified him of the change of date of the hearing. He was very pale, and showed the effects of worry and confinement.

He is guarded during the daytime, but at night he is left in the room which is on the second story, and the windows have no bars. This has caused much criticism of the authorities.

Fishburne is reported to be in a highly nervous and unstrung condition. He is a young man of slight physique, and has been for several years in very delicate health. He is a son of Mr. J. A. Fishburne, dealer in coal, wood and ice—one of the three Fishburne brothers who rank as leading citizens. The father of the young man charged with murder has been for years one of the ablest members of the City Council.

The home of the late Dr. Frederick Lefew is one of the handsomest residences in the city. It was for many years the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Glasgow, who recently moved to Philadelphia. It is on Commerce Street, between Eleventh and Twelfth Avenues, Southwest. Dr. Lefew stood within the gate shown in the picture, when Fishburne reached over the gate, which was then closed, and stabbed him. He fell in the middle of the walk, about where the lady is seen in the picture.

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THE METHODIST CONFERENCE

An Animated Discussion
Over Endorsement of
Church Organ.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ADOPTED

Rev. H. M. Hope Withdraws
From the Conference—Bishop
Wilson Makes a Record in
Passing Character of the
Two Hundred and
Fifty Members.

(Special from a Staff Correspondent.)

LYNCHBURG, VA., November 17.—The second day of the Virginia Conference session was a record-breaker in point of business disposed of. Bishop Wilson made an unprecedented record in disposing of the passage of character of the two hundred and fifty odd ministers in an hour—a work that usually requires at least two days. The vexed question of the conference organ was likewise disposed of in a short time by the adoption of the report of the special committee recommending the paper and providing for an advisory board of three members of the conference to confer with the owners in the conduct of it.

In the afternoon the conference, by invitation of Dr. William W. Smith, visited the Randolph-Macon Women's College, and were shown around the institution. Dr. Smith made an address, tracing the history of the institution, and forecasting prospective extensions, which included an annex or wing, to cost \$30,000. The visitors were entertained in the gymnasium by the class of young ladies. Special policy cars had been chartered for the two mile ride out.

Missionary Celebration.

In the evening the missionary anniversary was celebrated at Centenary Church, which was thronged with people. Rev. L. B. Betty presided, and Rev. H. E. Johnson, D. D., conducted the devotional exercises. The anniversary address was made by Rev. Seth Ward, D. D., of Nashville, who, in an address, traced the history of the foreign mission movement from its inception in 1870 to the present, showing its marvelous growth from six workers to more than two hundred and forty, with a corresponding increase in the number of converts. The address was highly commended.

Several of the conference committees got down to work to-day, but none has completed the work. The Temperance Committee met and authorized Rev. H. H. Bennett to draw a tentative report, which will be submitted to the full committee to-morrow, and possibly presented to the conference. The report will differ from those of previous years, being along the line of work of the Anti-Slavery League, and is more vigorous and practical than the usual pronouncements on the subject. The Committee on Publishing Interests met this afternoon, but did little more than select a subcommittee, which will be recommended to the full committee to-morrow. The remainder of the day was consumed in examining the classes for admission and for advancement.

Appointments Sealed.

Owing to the rapid time made to-day in disposing of the routine work, it is now expected that the session will conclude Monday night. Bishop Wilson will leave here that afternoon, but will have completed the appointments and left them sealed with Bishop Smith.

Thus far there is little speculation as to the appointments. It was stated to-day that there was a likelihood of Dr. Johnson's return to Laurel Street, but the general impression appears to be that he will go to another charge. The cabinet was met to-day, and it is expected that considerable progress will be made in arranging the appointments.

Day's Proceedings.

"Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove," was the opening hymn when the conference reconvened this morning. There are many fine singers among the two hundred and fifty ministers, and when the mighty male chorus essays one of the old familiar hymns the volume of song is something inspiring. The old church

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THE BAPTISTS IN PETERSBURG

Considerable Spice In-
troduced In Discus-
sion of Matters.

HOME MISSION WORK THE LIVELY TOPIC

The State Mission Board's Work.
Lynch Law and Foreign Mis-
sions Considered—Governor
Montague Address-
es the General As-
sociation.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

PETERSBURG, VA., Nov. 17.—The clerk of the weather department has been considered of the comfort of the Baptist hosts now in annual convalescence in this goodly city. So far, clear skies have daily smiled over the eighty-first annual session of the Baptist General Association of Virginia. This morning the sun shines brightly and tempers the frosty air sufficiently to make the third day of the Association's session an ideal Virginia November production.

The members of the great Baptist Convention were in their seats in the handsome First Church promptly at the sound of the president's gavel. The Baptists have a way of working right up on schedule and this morning the work of the day was started right on time.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. J. D. Harte, after which and promptly on the minute, the order of the day was called and Rev. Dr. W. L. Block and read the report on the work of the Home Mission Board.

The Full Report.

The report of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention for the year ending May, 1904, while showing a slightly smaller number of missionaries employed, gives many items which fill our hearts with grateful recognition that this work is of God, and the seal of His approval. In the fact that in the four years immediately preceding four changes had been made in its corresponding secretariat, and yet there was no material slackening of its onward progress. We find the most satisfactory evidence that this work is of God, and not dependent upon any human official. Virginia Baptists contributed during the fiscal year ending October 31, \$17,891.29, an increase over the previous year of \$2,475.94.

It may not be known to many of you that in this mission of the Home Board were in this State. These five supplied eighteen churches and stations, baptized 42, received by letter 47 (total, 89), constituted one new church, built and improved five houses and organized six Sunday schools. There were principally in the mountain regions of the Southwest part of the State. Of the necessity for Baptist missions in this part of the State no better evidence can be given than the statement of Brother Garland that in three counties there is not a single Baptist church; in two counties not one; in Wythe and Frederick, two each.

In Cuba the difficulties and perplexities which harassed the board have been settled, legal titles to property received and the work has been moving forward satisfactorily. There are 30 missions and 100 churches. There are \$30 added to the churches in that island last year—152 by baptism and 28 by letter; six churches constituted and ten Sunday schools organized.

Work among the negroes seems just now to be in a peculiarly unsatisfactory condition, principally because of lack of unanimity among the negroes themselves as to the question of co-operation. The Home Mission Society, of New York and our Home Mission Board had agreed to share equally in the expense of this work, the superintendent of which was to be a negro, and the board of trustees of the negro national convention has taken action with reference to it, which seems to be ambiguous, to say the least, as it seems to be understood differently by members of that convention and by white brethren, who were present. We repeat what we have so often said in these reports—that our own social and civic well-being depends on our giving the negroes sound religious training.

Work in the Mountain Region.

The most important and most promising in far-reaching results of any phase of home mission work presents no difficulties except inadequate means to carry it on as extensively as its importance demands. "The mountain region" includes nearly 150 counties, holding a population of more than two millions, nearly all of pure Caucasian blood, men of stalwart manhood, rough and uncultivated in the main, but ready for the moulding hand of teacher and missionary. The board, so far as it can, does its work by assisting schools and by evangelistic labor. The progress, though slow, brings results that are permanent and far-reaching. We are told that 65 per cent. of these people are Baptists. The Presbyterians are making strenuous efforts in the mountains of Kentucky, North Carolina and Tennessee to gather these mountaineers into their fold, and yet they seem to accept more readily Baptist doctrines.

Immigrants into the South are rapidly becoming another field for home mission work, which must be done if we would keep our loved Southern land true to its traditions and our society free from the license, bred of unbelief. It is stated that already there are certain places where judges and justices deliver their decisions in English, and witnesses testify in German. Picture what it must be in a few years with the tide of immigration setting in this direction; and bringing the scum of Italian, Bohemian, Hungarian and other European of our simple Southern civilization! The board is doing some work already in meeting these immigrants in the seaports, but much more needs to be done after they have settled.

New fields are opening for the board in the late of Pines, near Cuba, and in Panama, which give promise of success and present crying need for evangelical religion. But of these we cannot speak now, but commend to the liberality and prayers of our Virginia Baptists this great board of all branches of its work.

Snicy Discussion.

The consideration of this report brought about the first really spicy discussion of

WORE GOOD CLOTHES, BUT UNDER ARREST

New York Man Taken in Charge
at Murphy's Hotel for
Metropolitan Police.

(By Associated Press.)

A nice looking young man named R. G. Murphy, of New York, was arrested at Murphy's Hotel yesterday afternoon by Detective Whitehead, for the New York authorities.

Inspector McCluskey sent a postal card to the chiefs of office here a day or two ago, asking that the young man be apprehended and held here, if he came to this city, on the charge of drawing bad drafts on the Messrs. Murphy, of the New York Importation Company, and P. DeBarry Company, of New York.

The man had just reached the city from some point south, and had not registered at the hotel. He was in conversation with Colonel Murphy when the detective took him in charge.

He claims to be a nephew of the Murphy's connected with the Importation Company.

When seen at the First Station last night he would say nothing except that he "would be all right when he got to New York."

He came here yesterday morning from Charlotte, he said just night, and had a grip with him. He said that was stolen from him, but the police think he has it in hiding somewhere.

The New York officers were notified of the arrest.